

# Committee for North Sydney

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## Local paper has minister 'shut down' the council

It seems that the *Mosman Daily* has assumed the role of North Sydney Council's messenger, and the Minister for Planning speaks to the Council through the local paper.

At its meeting on 30 July 2018, the Council unanimously resolved to not consider new residential rezoning proposals (they're *always* about big increases in density) until the LEP has been amended as a result of the Department of Planning's Priority Precinct planning process, or on 1 July 2020 if that is earlier, and will ask the Minister for Planning to be excluded from the state policy for rezoning reviews until that date.

Matt Taylor of the *Mosman Daily* couldn't wait. He asked Anthony Roberts for his response and (presumably) the Minister's office – which may or may not have known that the Council was preparing its case for a moratorium on rezoning – delivered the Minister's message: the population target stands, live with it, talk to the Greater Sydney Commission.

The Mayor is said to be seeking an urgent meeting with the Minister and told Taylor, 'This will become a hot issue at the upcoming state election'.

The unfortunate aspect of this little saga is that a 'pause' in residential rezoning is being conflated with a 'pause' in Sydney Metro's premature and secret deals with developers.

Let's hope that when the Mayor meets with the Minister she explains that the *moratorium* on rezoning is unrelated to the *pause* in massive development at the metro stations – and that Sydney Metro's bulldozer will be an even hotter issue at the upcoming state election.

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